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Planning Board Committee Report Hanna McCloud, Chair

The Planning Board held a Special Meeting on October 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to conduct an organizational meeting, swear in new members, elect a vice chair and discuss Use Standards for Ocean Hazard Areas Exceptions, as directed by the Board of Aldermen. Details of the meeting are as follows:

NEW BUSINESS: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Planning Board acknowledged Paul Dorazio and Gunnar Matthews for their longtime and professional dedication to North Topsail Beach and the Planning. They both have done an outstanding job and we would not be where we are today without their input on the Planning Board. We take this opportunity to go on record to make sure that the town knows how important they have been to the Planning Board.

OATH OF OFFICE. Pursuant to the adopted Planning Board Rules of Procedure, Rule 2, the newly appointed members have taken the oath of office as required, and as the first order of new business.

- Teri Ward was appointed by the Board of Aldermen on 10/4/2023 and was sworn in by Keri Simpson, as Regular Member with the remaining of a 3 year term expiring 5/15/2026.
- Susan Meyer appointed by the Board of Aldermen on 10/4/2023 and sworn in by Keri Simpson, as Regular Member with the remaining of a 3 year term expiring 5/15/2026.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR. As the second order of New Business, the Planning Board elected a Vice Chair using the nominations and voting procedures set out in the Rules of Procedure. Mrs. Susan Meyer was chosen unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS EXCEPTIONS

Planning Board members reviewed the background information provided in the staff report. We now have a new group on the Planning Board, who may not be as familiar with what we have been tasked. We talked about how to proceed; table it, make a decision, send it back, or request a joint workshop for clarification of the Board's expectation.

Members discussed requesting a joint workshop with the Board of Aldermen, because the questions were found to be overall too broad and not specific enough for us to be able to provide a proper analysis. The Planning Board requested that Ms. Hill gather additional information for review and possible workshop.

Mr. Harness made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Morse, motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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